ered a part of the Charter, according to the terms of the amendment, and in all respects to be effective and observed as such upon the fiftieth (50) day following the date of adoption unless on or before the fortieth (40) day after adoption there shall be presented to the Mayor and Town Council of Cheverly a petition for referendum in accordance with Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland (1957 Edition), as amended.

Adopted October 8, 1970 Test: David J. Ferguson

> Thomas W. Kerley, Mayor Robert W. O'Connors, Councilman George M. Boyd, Councilman Jos. B. Jochum, Councilman E. C. Clark, Councilman Robert W. Heffron, Councilman Mary B. Eller, Councilman

Resolution and Ordinance to amend Article IV, "Officers", of the Charter and Local Laws of the Town of Cheverly, Maryland, by amending Section C-10 entitled "Mayor and Council: Oath of Office, Vacancies, Compensation".

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Cheverly, Maryland, are of the considered opinion that the term of office of the Mayor should be lengthened from two years to three years:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF CHEVERLY, MARYLAND, that Article IV, "Officers," of the Charter and Local Laws of the Town of Cheverly, Maryland, be and the same is hereby amended to read and provide as hereinafter set forth:

Section C-10. Mayor and Council: oath of office, vacancies, compensation.

Effective March, 1971, the Mayor shall be elected for a period of three (3) years and each of the Councilmen shall be elected for a period of two (2) years, and shall qualify before the next regular council meeting succeeding his election by taking an oath before any officer of the State of Maryland duly authorized to take an affidavit, to the effect that he will obey the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Maryland, and will fairly and impartially administer the duties of his respective office, and such oath shall be filed among the records of the town. In case the Mayor shall permanently change his place of abode from the town, he shall cease to be Mayor, and there shall exist a vacancy in said office to be filled as hereinafter provided: and in case a Councilman shall permanently change his place of abode from the ward he represents he shall cease to be a Councilman, and there shall exist a vacancy in said office to be filled as hereinafter provided. The absence of the Mayor or of any Councilman from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Mayor and Town Council, without prior permission or good and sufficient reason, shall constitute a vacancy, and in case of such a vacancy, or vacancy by reason of death, refusal to act, disqualification, resignation or removal beyond the corporate limits, the Mayor and Council, or a majority of them for the time being, shall elect a Mayor, Councilman or Councilmen, as the case may be, to fill such vacancy or vacancies until his successor or successors shall have been elected for the unexpired term or terms at the next regular town election, and shall have qualified. The vacancy so